

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT[441]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 249A.4 and 2014 Iowa Acts, House File 2463, sections 39, 40 and 61, the Department of Human Services proposes to amend Chapter 79, “Other Policies Relating to Providers of Medical and Remedial Care,” Iowa Administrative Code.

This amendment is based on 2014 Iowa Acts, House File 2463, which provides that community mental health centers (CMHCs) may choose to be reimbursed for the services provided to recipients of medical assistance at 100 percent of the reasonable costs of the services or in accordance with an alternative reimbursement rate methodology established by the medical assistance program’s managed care contractor for mental health services and approved by the Department of Human Services.

This amendment will reduce the number of CMHCs opting for the 100 percent cost-based reimbursement, in favor of the new alternative statewide reimbursement rate methodology established by the Medicaid program’s managed care contractor for mental health services. The CMHCs that sought this type of alternative reimbursement methodology did so due to the inherent additional time involved in preparing and submitting cost reports and the inherent delays in the process for final cost settlement.

Any interested person may make written comments on the proposed amendment on or before July 29, 2014. Comments should be directed to Harry Rossander, Bureau of Policy Coordination, Department of Human Services, Hoover State Office Building, Fifth Floor, 1305 East Walnut Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0114. Comments may be sent by fax to (515)281-4980 or by e-mail to policyanalysis@dhs.state.ia.us.

This amendment does not provide for waivers in specified situations because the legislation does not specifically allow for waivers. Requests for waiver of any rule may be submitted under the Department’s general rule on exceptions at 441—1.8(17A,217).

This amendment was also Adopted and Filed Emergency and is published herein as **ARC 1521C**. The purpose of this Notice is to solicit comment on that submission, the subject matter of which is incorporated by reference.

The Administrative Rules Review Committee reviewed this Notice of Intended Action in conjunction with **ARC 1521C** on June 10, 2014.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code section 249A.4 and 2014 Iowa Acts, House File 2463, section 61.